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MONITORING FETAL STATUS DATA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the present patent application and to calculating the fees for the present filing, please amend the application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as set forth below:

16. (Amended) A method for monitoring a fetal condition, the method comprising the steps of:

(a) detecting a fetal parameter of interest and generating a fetal condition signal representative thereof;

(b) storing the fetal condition signal;

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